

I am against lifting the ban on cellphone use on airborne aircraft for two main reasons: comfort and security.

1. Having a plane full of cellphone users will increase the annoyance level on a typical passenger plane. Rules that apply to a general public setting should take into account the comfort and convenience of the majority, and I believe in this situation the comfort and convenience of the majority would be best served by not allowing cellphone use.

2. With airplane rides being the norm for long distance travel, it is easy to take security for granted. All passengers should maintain a heightened alert level while onboard, particularly those riding in emergency door seats. Allowing passengers to use cellphones will serve as a significant distraction from focusing on safety. If passengers are on the phone, precious seconds can and will be lost should a situation warrant immediate reaction.